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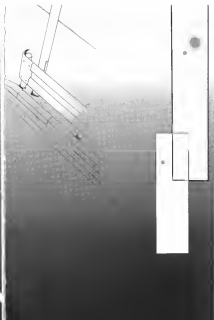
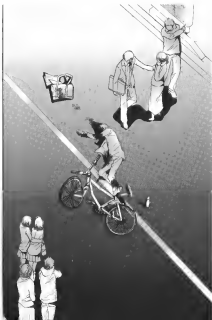
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SOME OF YOUR
NATURAL BODY
IS STILL INTACT,
BUT...



WAIT...
FIRST...OF
ALL...

...DID...
YOU...RE...
WITCHES...?



WELL, WE
HAD TO
IMPLANT AN
ENTIRELY
SYNTHETIC
HEART.

WE RE-
PLACED
YOUR LEFT
ARM AND
HAND...

BOTH
LEGS...

ENTIRE
TRANSFERS
THE STOMACH
TOOK, AS
WELL AS
REPRODUCTIVE
INTERNAL AND
EXTERNAL.

...THIS MUST BE
A VERY BIG SHOCK
TO YOU. I'LL TAKE
SOME TIME TO TRULY
COMPREHEND WHAT
THIS MEANS, SO
IT'S BEST THAT YOU
SCHEDULELY TEST
EVERYTHING FOR
YOURSELF.



SO WE
HAD YOU
BOUGHT
FROM THE
BRIDGES
CYCLOON
TO OUR
SURGICAL
LABORATO-
RY.

THE HOSPITAL
WASN'T
EQUIPPED TO
SUPPORT AN
OPERATION
AS COMPLEX
AS WHAT YOU
NEEDED.

ER...THIS...

A HOB...
PL...
TAL...?



WITH YOUR
BRAIN BEING
ADAPTABLE TO
THE NERVE ENDINGS
RESPONDING TO
DIFFERENT MUSCLE
TOWERS.

...YOUR
SPEECH
WILL BE A BIT
ROUGH,
BUT THAT
IS REALLY A
MATTER OF
TIME. YOU'RE
SURE YOU WILL
BE ABLE TO
SPEAK
SMOOTHLY
BEFORE
LONG.



...BUT I'M
PLEASSED
TO REPORT
THAT YOUR
PROSTHETIC
IS CAPABLE
OF AN
ERECTION...
AND
EJACULATION.

EVEN SEXUAL
ACTIVITY
SHOULD BE
POSSIBLE.
YOUR
ARTIFICIAL
SKIN DOESN'T
SUPPORT
ANY NERVE
ENDINGS, SO
IT WON'T FEEL
EXACTLY THE
SAME...

IF YOUR
REHABILITATION
DOES WELL,
WE EXPECT
THAT AFTER
TWO MONTHS,
YOU'LL BE ABLE
TO MOVE ABOUT
FREELY AGAIN.

UUUUSH...



UU...

YOUR SKIN IS
FABRICATED OF
A SILICON BLEND
THAT WILL SWITCH
YOUR BODY
TEMPERATURE.

YOUR EYES
NOW CONTAIN
ARTIFICIAL
LENSES,
WITH HIGH
SENSITIVITY
INPUT
SENSORS
THAT
RESPOND TO
COLOR AND
LIGHT.

BAO
BAO...

THIS
PERSON?

*Dear Koji,
I hope that this
letter is able to reach
exactly the place
I made everything
and I have to write
you I don't be able
to come to check on you
a volunteer position
Love, Mom*

...GUA...

YOUR FACE...

IN THE ACCIDENT,
IT WAS DAMAGED
BEYOND RESTORATION
AS WELL. THERE ARE
PHOTOS FROM THE
INCIDENT, BUT WE ALL
AGREE IT'S BEST YOU
NOT SEE THEM.

AASH...

SO WE'VE
CONSTRUCTED A NEW
"FACE" FOR YOU.
THOUGH IT'S REALLY
A KIND OF MASK.

JAPAN IS
THE WORLD'S
LEADER IN THIS
SPECIFIC KIND
OF TECHNOLOGY.
YOU SHOULD
HAVE NO
WORRIES ABOUT
IT.

IT CAN
JUMP
ABOUT 30
CENTIMETERS
AND YOU CAN
MAKE THEM
FIGHT
AGAINST
EACH
OTHER.

THIS IS AN
ORNDARTOR, ONE OF MANY
VIRTUAL
PETS THAT
ARE REALLY
POPULAR
THESE DAYS.



LET
ME
KEEP
IT.

HEH, THIS ONE
IS A KIND OF
BIRD-DRAGON
HYBRID. BUT
NOT REALLY
EITHER, IS IT?

...WAS DEAD.

THE REAL GILLY
HUNG...

THE REAL GILLY
HUNG...



GO FORN
THAT
POINT
ON...

IN FACT, THEY
SAID IT MIGHT
ONLY LAST ONE
HOUR FROM
ONE A METER
OR HUNDRED
JUST A FEW.

I CAN NEVER
FEEL THE HAND
AGAINST MY
BOTH AGAIN.

...DRAGON
WOULD
WHELP
FROM
HARVEST
AND
RE-START
AROUND
ME.



NOT QUITE
A KING, NOT
A DRAGON...
WHAT A STRANGE
LITTLE
CREATURE.

IT'S GOT
EVEN
RARELY...
SOME SORT
OF SALON
FILM.



I'm gonna
go home!

YOU'RE A
LOT LIKE
ME, HUN?



EVEN WITH ALL
THE TECHNOLOGY
AVAILABLE TO THEM,
THE SURGEONS
ESTIMATED THAT MY
ARTIFICIAL ARM
WOULD ONLY LAST
ANOTHER FIVE OR
SIX YEARS, TOP.

IT A D
T. I AM
FOLD
FEARS...

...BUT I'D
PRETTY MUCH
ADJUSTED TO
THE MANNER
HAPPY DAYS OF
ME STILL FELT.



"FLOCKE" WAS A
CLUB THAT
PARTYED AROUND
MIDNIGHT...
PEOPLE
DROUGHT
THERE
WERE
BARTENDERS.

ANYWAY
HE
DROUGHT
COMING
FROM
MIDNIGHT
WAS
TO
STAY
AWAY
FROM
MIDNIGHT.

...BUT
THAT
WAS
THE
ONLY
WAY
I
DROUGHT
WANT
TO
STAY
AWAY
FROM
MIDNIGHT.

WHICH
WAS
BECAUSE
MIDNIGHT
WAS
AN
UNCOMMON
PLACE.

IN
THE
CLUB, I
LEARNED
ABOUT
EVERYTHING
ELSE
IN
LIFE...

SCHOOL,
BOYFRIENDS, SEX.



I
WAS
A
VERY
OLD
FRIEND
SOME
ONE
DROUGHT
MY
FAMILY
WAS
AT
THE
MIDNIGHT
I
DROUGHT
LIVE
ON
MY
OWN
FEET.

MY
MOTHER
SHE
DROUGHT
APPROX
TO
TAKE
CARE
OF
ME, SO
SHE
LET
ME
BE
ADOPTED
BY
MIDNIGHT
AND
MIDNIGHT.

AND
MY
MOTHER
CHANGED
TO
MIDNIGHT.



ACK
FATHERS...



FROM
MIDNIGHT
I
STAYED
HIGH
SCHOOL, I
DROUGHT
CARE
ENOUGH
TO
TRY
TO
STAY
IN, I
FELT
LIKE
THEY
WERE
ALL
LIVING
IN
ANOTHER
WORLD...
NOTHING
LIKE
MIDNIGHT.

YOU
SHOULD
JOIN
FLOCKE.



HEY
KAZERUWA...



LOOKING LIKE
JUST MY
TYPE, TOO...



AN
OBLIVION
JUST LIKE
ME...



SCENARIO

...TO SEE
THE WOMAN
DECEASE





...SOME-
THING CRASH
WITHIN MY
HEART
WANTED TO
CALL TO HER.
THAT'S ALL I
KNEW.



A BATTLE
TO THE
FINISH!
LET'S GO!

LETS
FIGHT!

...NEED
ABLE TO
SAVE
THAT
"LOVED"
SOMEBODY

IN MY
ENTIRE LIFE,
I'D NEVER
ONCE...

IF GUYS
TREATED
ME LIKE
A FANBOY,
THEN
I'D CALL
THEM MY
FANBOYS
TOO...

IF A GIRL
HAD THE
COURAGE
TO ASK
ME
THAT, HOW
WANT HER
WANTED TO
HEAR.

TO ASK
OTHER PEOP-
PLE FROM
FADING
OUT ABOUT
MY FEELINGS,
I'D AL-
WAYS JUST
ACCEPTED
WHAT THEY
WANTED.

HOW
WANT
SHOULD
I DO
RIGHT?

EVEN
THOUGH I'D
NEVER ONCE
PUT THE
WORD TO BE
SOLD LIKE
THIS...

IF I TRY TO
TALK TO A
GIRL, LIKE HER
OUT OF THE
BLUE, SHE'LL
THINK I'M
JUST TRYING
TO SCORE.



I ALMOST NEVER GET HOME BEFORE 10 O'CLOCK.

... YOU WORK IN THE LABS THAT DESIGN THINGS? MUST KEEP YOU BUSY.

THAT'S RIGHT.



I WAS ABOUT 12 YEARS OLD.

LIVED IN AN APARTMENT IN ABBASDA.

COLLECTED RECORDS AND LISTENED TO OLD MUSIC.



NAME'S CALLED CHELSEA/KHGA.



SHE'S A GREAT GIRL... NO SO EASY ON HER, OKAY?



YOUR ORGANOPEX IS ON THE RIGHT, AND ON THE LEFT IN MY SIGHT!



ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR VIRTUAL PET MIGHT BE COMPARABLE BETTER THAN MINE.



I LOVE RELAX-
ING WITH
SOME GOOD
ELECTRONIC
MUSIC.

...AND WHEN I DON'T HAVE
CLASSES, I
WORK OR GO
SNOWBOARD-
ING. I LIVE
WITH A FRIEND
AND WORK AT
THE SPORTS
SHOP DOWN
THE BLOCK.

BUT LATELY I'VE DRIPPED
INTO
CLASSIC JAZZ AND
R&B.

I'M A
SCOTCH-
LOVER IN COLLEGE
NOW...

LIKE A
FISH THAT
COULDN'T
BREATHE THE
SUNNY
LONELY
DAYS,
BECAUSE IT
WAS ALWAYS
DREAMING ABOUT
SUNSHINE.

AND
SOMETIMES
ALMOST NEVER
CHANGED.

ARE YOU
GONNA BE
HERE...

...TOMORROW?

...BUT IT
ALSO MADE
HER SEEM
SEPARATE
FROM THE
REST OF THE
WORLD.

IT WAS LIKE
SHE LIVED
SO DEEP IN
THE OCEAN
EVEN LIGHT
COULDN'T
REACH HER.

WAS IT ALSO
TO TELL WHAT
SHE WAS
THINKING...



SOMEHOW
HAD
SEEMED
TO HAVE
AS THE SAME
FACE.



DIDN'T
COME TODAY
EITHER.



BUT...

AS
SOON AS HE
HEARD, I KNEW
A COUNTRY
DOWN HAD
REACHED...
A CLOCK WAS
TICKING UNTIL
THE TIME HE'D
HAVE TO PART.



I KNOW
ALL
ALONG
BUT
TALK
ABOUT.



STILL BE HERE
TOMORROW

...PROBABLY.



AH, I KNEW
THAT COLOR
WOULD
LOOK GOOD
ON YOU.

A nice yellow.



ARE
YOU SURE
IT'S OKAY
FOR ME TO
WEAR YOUR
BROTHER'S
PULL-OVER?
DIE?



YES.

...LIKE
"BEST
ASSIST?"

I'VE BEEN
WAITING
TO ASK
YOU...
IS YOUR
NAME
STILL "BEST
ASSIST"?

I'M DROPPING
THE REPORTS
WHICH I WAS
AND, IN THE
MEAN, YOU'VE
GOT SOME
KNOWLEDGE-
ABLE PANTS
AND SHIRTS.

LADIES'
SEES TOO,
SO... I CAN
LEND YOU
SOMETHING
DRY TO
CHANGE
INTO.

...WELL,
TODAY...



...I IN-
TENDED TO
COME SEE
YOU YESTER-
DAY... AND
THE DAY
BEFORE...

ACTUALLY
...



...BUT I HAD TO
WORK OVERTIME
TO FINISH
SOME THINGS
YESTERDAY.
I COULDN'T
GET OUT OF IT
EITHER.



I'M...





AH, BUT
HYING THE
MOUNTAINS
WITH A BUNCH
OF FRIENDS
IS BETTER.

WELL, I'VE
NEVER BEEN
UP ON A SNOW
MOUNTAIN, BUT
I HAVE BEEN
TO THE INDICES
SKI PARK AT
SAYAMA.

HAVE YOU
EVER TRIED
ANYTHING?

YOU
SNOW-BORD,
RIGHT? DO YOU
LIKE IT
MORE
THAN SKI-
ING?

I DON'T REALLY
HAVE THE KIND
OF FRIENDS
THAT WOULD GET
TOGETHER FOR
ROAD TRIPS OR
ANYTHING.



BUT GUYS CAN
DO THAT BEST OF
THINGS... THEY DON'T
HAVE TO BE REALLY
CLOSE FRIENDS TO
GET TOGETHER AND
HAVE FUN ON A
SKI TRIP.

IN FACT, I'VE NEVER
REALLY
HAD MANY
REALLY
CLOSE
FRIENDS.



SHE WAS
BEING SO
HONEST WITH
ME.



WOULD
WHAT THAT
ISLAND
ALREADY BE
LIKE.

SHE SAID
THAT WITH
SUCH A
WATERS, ONE
COULD EASILY
LOOK IN
HER EYES.



LIKE
THE
WIND
JUST
CARRESSING
ME...

...ALONG
A RIVER,
OPEN
ROAD.

MY FATHER WAS
APPARENTLY
FROM A SMALL
ISLAND IN
THE SETO
SEA CALLED
KINELAMA.

KINELAMA
KINELAMA...
THAT'S A
PRETTY
NAME.

REALLY?



WHO WOULD WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH A GIRL LIKE THAT?

A GIRL WITH NO REACTIONS AT ALL?



BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE WITH YOU.



I NEVER LAUGH, I NEVER CRY, I DON'T GET ANGRY.



MY FACE NEVER CHANGES.

EVEN WHEN I WAS YOUNG, NO ONE COULD EVER TELL WHAT I WAS THINKING. SO KIDS AT SCHOOL WERE ALWAYS AFRAID OF ME. THEY CALLED ME A CYBORG.



SOUNDS JUST LIKE ME...

BUT I'M MORE LIKELY TO IGNORE THAT I FEEL LONELY AND FORGIVE EVERYTHING'S FUN ANYWAY.



AND I THINK JUST MONSTERS HAVE ME A LOT OF COLLEAGUES.



GULP



NO...

I'M JUST A CYBORG.



SURE, I'M KIND OF A SLACKER THAT WAY.

YOU'RE STRONGER FOR NOT CRYING.

NO DOUBT...

CAN I...

...SHE'LL
HAPPY AG.

THAT
WAS THE
LASTEST
PICKUP
LINE.

...BUT YOUR
PHONE
NUMBER?

EVEN
NOW...

...I WANTED
TO SEE
HER FACE
AGAIN OR
MY SHOUL-
DER... AFTER
I MADE
LOVE TO HER.

BUT HOW
ABOUT...

...I COME
AND GET
THEM BACK
SOMETIME?

I EVEN
WANTED TO
MAKE HER
LAUGH OUT
LOUD...

THANKS.

...TO SEE HER
SMILE AGAIN
SHE FINALLY
RELEASED
AFTER
HOLDING
AMAND ALL
DAY.

OH, DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
IT...IT'S FOR
THE DISPLAY,
SO I CAN'T
SELL IT TO
YOU ANYWAY.

I'LL BUY
THESE
CLOTHES
AND JUST
WEAR THEM
HOME. HOW
MUCH IS THIS
ONE SUIT?

I
CAN SEE
THAT.
I CAN
TELL HOW
YOU'RE
FEELING!

YOU
HAVE
EXPO-
SIONS.

I WANTED
TO SMILE
ENOUGH
FOR THE
JOY OF
LIFE.

IS THAT BABA I
HEARD
YOU MENTIONED.

YEAH,
YOU MENTIONED
THAT YOU
LIKED
IT, SO I
WANTED
TO HEAR
IT FOR
MYSELF.

SOME
THINGS IN
THE AR-
RANGE-
MENT
OF BABA
REMINDE
ME OF
TECHNO.

I CAN'T
REALLY
PUT MY
FINGER
ON IT,
BUT...

...IT GIVES ME
THE SAME KIND
OF FEELING
INSIDE WHEN I
LISTEN TO IT.

SHE REMEM-
BERED OLD
CHATS IN THE
COFFEE
SHOP.

ONE
I COULD
NEED THEM
BABA.

THANKS TO
YOU, I MADE
IT HOME THE
OTHER NIGHT
WITHOUT
CATCHING A
COLD.

I REALLY
APPRECI-
ATE YOUR
LEAD-
ING ME
THERE.

YOU SEEM
PRETTY
SURE, SO I
WOON'T STAY
TOO LONG.

IT'S NO
TROUBLE,
COME ON
IN.

HEY
THERE!!
IS NOW A
GOOD TIME
FOR ME TO
COME BY?

SURE.

OKAY, SO
CAN YOU GIVE
ME YOUR
ADDRESS?

2A-088

.....



...WELL...

...I CAN
RELATE TO
THAT.



TO THINK
I'D BE
LOOKING
DOWN LIKE
THAT...



...IN 10
YEARS, I'D
NEED SOME
MAGNET.

AT LEAST
A LITTLE,
ANYWAY.



HONESTLY, I HAD
ANOTHER MOTIVE
FOR LENDING
YOU THOSE
CLOTHES.

REALLY,
I JUST
WANTED A
CHANCE TO
SEE YOU
AGAIN.



STRANGE,
SINCE I
THINK...

WHAT COULD
YOU FIND
INTERESTING
ABOUT SOMEONE
WHO ACTS LIKE
A ROBOT AND
CAN'T RELATE
TO ANYONE?

...IF I EVER MET
A GIRL LIKE ME,
I WOULDN'T
REALLY BE
INTERESTED IN
GETTING TO
KNOW HER
MORE.



SO
SCIENTIFIC. IF
MY BODY HAD
A SIGNAL TO
MY PROSTHETIC
PARTS, IT'D
GIVE.



IT RESPONDED
TO PHYSIO-
LOGICAL SENSATIONS, THOUGH
I COULDN'T
SENSE ANYTHING
PHYSICALLY.

AAAA...



OH...

BUT EVEN
THOUGH MY
BODY WOULDN'T
REACT WHEN
SHE TOUCHED
ME...

UH...

OH...



...IF SHE
KNEW THAT I
WAS ACTUALLY A
MONSTROUS
RECON-
STRUCTION
OF MARIN
FUNKEL...

...IT
WOULD ALL
BE OVER.



AAAA...



BUT IF SHE
WERE TO
FIND OUT
THAT I WAS
ALMOST
ENTIRELY
FAKE...



...THE
MY BODY
DIDN'T
HAVE AN
OCCASION...
THAT I
-CAN'T
SWEAT...



...LULU

I WANTED TO
COUNT DOWN
MY OVERBOARDING
DAYS...

...REMEMBER
TAKING THE
PASSION I FELT
RIGHT THEN...
TO LULU.



OHH...

...MY BODY SOLELY
FELT SOMETHING
IN THE PART OF
ME THAT I HAD
NO WAY I
COULDN'T STOP
IT.

AA-
AAH!



IN MY
19TH
YEAR...

...EVEN THOUGH
I'D NEVER LOVED
ANYONE BEFORE,
I WAS DECEIVED
AND IN A WAY THAT
SEEMED DESIGNED
BY GOD HIMSELF.



I'M
HAPPY...

MY
YOUNGEST
MEMORIES...

...HOME OF
BEING WITH MY
GRANDMOTHER
WHILE MY
MOTHER WAS
OUT WORKING.

YOU
NEED
THIS
TIME.

THE
CHILD
WHO
I AM
NOW.



YOU HAVE
TO PUT A
STOP TO
THIS!

WE'VE
BEEN
THROUGH
THIS
BEFORE.

AS LONG
AS I KNOW
HOW WHAT
HE WANTS,
EVERYTHING
IS FINE.

YOU KNOW
THAT HE'S
ONLY LIE-
ING TO ME I CAN'T
RELEASE
JOHNNY
STILL. CA-
USE THAT
MOMENT
ALMOST
BROKE
OUT OF
YOUR
OWN DAMN
CHECK.

HIDEY



October
1st.

Quch

I WAS THE CHILD
GOING TO MOVE AND
HOW LONG, A TRAILER
BUSINESSMAN
NAMED KODAMA
HAPPENED.



HIDEY



...SSA...



SSA...

AS FOR EACH
AS I C H
DEMAND...

...TAKE A
LOOK AT THIS
PICTURE.



Shiner is so cute!!

SHINER!!
IN DEAD
ZONE



Shiner!
(Rear!)
Shiner!!

Shiner is so cute!!

LOOK, I HAD A
TARDERADON!
STUFF AND
MOUNT HIM

Shiner is so
cute!!

Shiner!
(Rear!)
Shiner!

WENT
YOU
CUTE
PHEASANT



IF SHE
DON'T
GIVE HIM
HER HIP
CHECKS...

...HEAVENS
WOULD GET
ANGRY AND
TOSSE HER
AHEAD

NOPE...



WAKE
IN FAST
BECAUSE I
WAS DOWN
INTO SUCH
A HOT TIRE
INT. TIRE...

SO I
WENT
YOU TO
GROWL
AND
STAYING
SO YOU
CAN
PROTECT
YOUR
DREAM

YOU KNOW
YOUR
MOTHER
IN VERY
WARM...



Shiner is
so cute!!

Shiner!
(Rear!)
Shiner!



TOGETH
WITH MY
MOTHER'S
MONEY, NO
DOUBT.



WOULD YOU
LIKE TO
COME LIVE
WITH US?
WE CAN
PLAY ALL
THE GAMES
YOU WANT!

WE LIVE IN A
NICE VILLA
CONDO CALLED
YAMAMOTO. IT
EVEN HAS ITS OWN
TENNIS COURT.



I SLEEPS
20 MEN.
LET ME
LEAVE ANOTHER
PERSON.

I SECRETLY
RECORDED
MYSELF TO
BLAME IT ON
THE HUMAN
BLOODLINE.



AFTER ALL,
OUR BROTHER
USUALLY
WASN'T HOME
UNTIL 10
O'CLOCK.



I WOULD
RUSH HOME
RIGHT AFTER
SCHOOL
AND MAKE
DINNER...

EVERYONE
SUSPECT THEIR
ONE-YEAR-OLD
DAUGHTER,
BUT I
CARED ABOUT
HER.



I WASN'T AFRAID
THAT NEW POOP
WAS INTRODUCED
AND WOULD
SOMEBODY IN
THE HOUSE.

BUT I
WAS
WATCHING
A NEW
MOVIE
MOVIE.
THE
DEAD
STARTED
MOVING
AS A LOT.



PEOPLE
AND WE
WOULD
JUST
SLEEP
UNDER
IT
FOR
EVER
UNDER
GROUND.

FOR
THE
TO
GO
BACK
AND
AGAIN
AGAIN
AGAIN
AGAIN
AGAIN



WHEN I STARTED
JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL, SOME
MOMENTS LATER HE
WANTED TO ASK
ME TO LIVE WITH HIS
OTHER FAMILY.

IT WAS ALWAYS
EYE SPIRITS
THAT CALLED
THEM BACK
AND TURNED
THEM INTO
ZOMBIES.



THAT
WAS
MY
SISTER'S
DAD.





TO KEEP
JURY FROM
GIVING UP
ON ME...

JUST
LIVE THAT
FADING
DREAM.

...I HAVE TO
KEEP HOLDING
THIS. I CAN'T
LET HER FIND
OUT.

I WAS PULLED
BACK FROM THE
RETHINKING
TO LIVE AGAIN AS
A FORTUNE.

...I MIGHT
JUST DIE...

... THE VERY
SAME DAY.



REALLY
THINKING
HOW
POSSIBLE...

WE WERE
JUST SEE
SUCCEED
ANYWAY.
I ALWAYS
KNOW THAT.

SEX WAS
ONCE, IF WE
BOTH JUST
WANTED TO
HAVE FUN FOR
A WHILE.

THESE
AND WHAT
LOVE
MEANS
TO ME.

RELA...

OH?
WE
SHOULDN'T
SEE EACH
OTHER
ANYMORE.

NOT
I COULDN'T
EVER COME
UPWITH
TO LOVE
SOMEONE...

...BECAUSE
I DID...



WHATEVER,
I DON'T
EVEN NEED TO HEAR IT
ANYMORE... I
HATE WHAT'S
GOING ON.

DON'T THINK
YOU'RE
ORIGINAL
HAPPENING
ALL THE
TIME.

YOU JUST
DECIDED YOU
WANT TO BE
LED AROUND
BY SOME
WOMAN FROM
NOW ON.

WATADU,
DON'T GET
SO ANGRY WITH
RAZEDWOLF.

Nobody's
angry.



YOU
KNOW...

...THIS
MEANS
YOU'RE
DEFINITELY
OUT OF
FUCKING
CONTROL.
NOT THAT I
CARE.

WHY? YOU
CAN'T TELL ME
NOT TO SHOW
UP EVERYWHERE
WITH EVERYBODY,
CAN YOU?



WATADU...

...I'M MOVING
MY STUFF
OUT TONIGHT.



...SO
TAKE IT.

OHAY, I'M
READY TO GO.

I REALLY
APPRECIATE YOU
LETTING ME STAY
HERE.

AREN'T YOU
FORGETTING
SOMETHING?

WAIT A
SEC...

I SPENT
TWO DAYS
PUTTING IT
TOGETHER FOR YOU...

LOOK,
I DON'T
NEED TO HEAR
IT...

KAZEMICHI'S
BORN YOUR
NEST FELLOW
FOR, LIKE,
EVERY!

YOU BOUGHT HIM A
15000 BAKE FOR HIS
BIRTHDAY...AND YOU
DIDN'T EVEN WANT
ME TO COME IN WITH
YOU, BUT YOU LET HIM
CRASH HERE ALL
THIS TIME.

Hey,
but you
just tell
me to go
home?!

WHY IS
IT EVEN
YOUR
BUSINESS
IF HE
WANTS TO
STAY IN
WITH HIS
LOVER?

IF YOU TELL
KAZEMICHI HE
CAN'T STAY OUT
WITH FLOCKE,
YOU KNOW
YOU'LL MISS
HIM!

WHY DON'T
YOU JUST
GO HOME,
CRACK!

THIS CON-
VERSATION
IS BETWEEN
US GUYS.



...I'M
SOSURE
THAT MY
DAD IS...
GIVEN
NOW...

IF MY
DAD HAD
BE THE WAY
HE WANTED
TO BE...
THEM...

...WE
WOULD
LOVE OUR
FATHERS
AFTER
ALL, I'M
STRAIGHT.



MY
DAD
DID
A LOT FOR
ME.

SO MANY
TIMES HE
COVERED FOR
ME, LOOKED
OUT FOR ME,
PROTECTED ME.

HE
TOOK ME
BACK TO MY
ROOM WHEN
I WAS
LONELY... HE
WAS WITH
A FEELING
AND A
SMILE.



MY
FATHER
WAS THE
MOST
SUCCESSFUL
BUSINESSMAN,
SO HE NEVER
NEEDED
ANYONE
ELSE'S
HELP. ALL
HIS
DECISIONS.

MY
FATHER
WAS THE
MOST
SUCCESSFUL
BUSINESSMAN,
SO HE NEVER
NEEDED
ANYONE
ELSE'S
HELP. ALL
HIS
DECISIONS.



GOOD
BYE,
I'LL GO
TOO.

WAVE
DOWN TO THE
APRIL TO ME
SOME SHOUTING
WORDS AND
SINGING.

I'M
GOING
OUT
TOO.



WHAT'S UP
WITH YOU,
ANYWAY?

OH MAN,
DARE
OVER!

LET ME
TRY NEXT,
KAZEMACHI.

GIVE ME
THE GUN.



DO IT
NOW!

HURRY UP AND
KILL THOSE
FREAKS!

IF YOU DON'T
DESTROY THEM
COMPLETELY,
THEY'LL JUST
KEEP GETTING
BACK UP AGAIN!



WELL, WHAT'S THE
CASE?

IT'S
CALLED
"RAY
FEAT."

KAZEMACHI

HA HA
HA!





I STOPPED
ANSWERING PHONE
THINKING I
COULD BE
THE HAPPIER.
I WISHED
TO BE ALONE
UNTIL I DIED.

SAME
FOR ME.



MY
PROSTHETICS
WOULD START
SHOWING
SOME WEAR
AND TEAR
BEFORE TOO
LONG.

AAAAA...



IT'S KINDA
FUNNY...

I'VE
NEVER COME
HOME WITH
SOMEONE
OUTSIDE MY
FAMILY.

EVEN WHEN
I DATED
OTHER GUYS,
I WAS ALWAYS
PREPARED FOR
THEM TO BREAK
UP WITH ME AT
THE DOOR.



I WAS
JUST OUT
TO GET
SOME
CIGARETTES.

GLAD THE
FREAK YOU
BUMPED INTO
OUT HERE
WAS ME.



.....

IF THIS HAND
WERE REAL, I'D
BE ABLE TO FEEL
HOW MUCH
SHE IS.

I COULD
KNOW THE
REALITY OF
HER WITH
ONE TOUCH.

...AND RE-
CHARGED YOUR ARTIFICI-
AL HEART.

WE'VE FIN-
ISHED YOUR
REGULAR MAINTE-
NANCE. FIXED THE
BURN.

LET ME
SEE
YOUR EAR.

NOW I
JUST
HAVE TO
INSTALL
THIS
ELECTRONIC
CHIP.

NO, IT
HURT.

IT'S A
DEVICE FOR
RECORDING
YOUR BODY'S
FUNCTIONS. SO WE CAN
BE SURE
THEY STAY
NORMAL.

IF YOU
DON'T PLAN
TO TELL ME
WHAT IT'S
FOR...

I WON'T
LET YOU
INSTALL IT
THIS TIME.

LETTER
THAN...

...A FEW
WORDS...

AAA...

AAA...

AAA...

AAAA...



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BUT WHY
WOULD THEY
WANT TO SEE
WHAT I'M
DOING?

I KNEW THEY
COULD ACCESS
THE DEVICES IN
MY RETINA.

THEY COULD
LINKED TO THE
OCCUPANCY
INSIDE MY
EYES.

Dr. Hoshino
was a
very
kind
man.

He
was
a
very
kind
man.



PRIVATE

I STILL
REMEMBER
THE...

I ONCE SAW
THE SECURITY
CODE MATSUKAWA
USED TO GET
INTO THIS ROOM
THAT WAS FIVE
YEARS AGO.

BEEP
BEEP

1000

Figure 10.1

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Figure 1 consists of two bar charts. The left chart is titled 'All respondents' and the right chart is titled 'Respondents who have been personally affected by the economic crisis'. Both charts show the percentage of respondents for four levels of agreement with the statement 'The government should do more to help people who are struggling financially'. The categories are 'Strongly agree', 'Somewhat agree', 'Somewhat disagree', and 'Strongly disagree'. The y-axis represents the percentage of respondents, ranging from 0 to 100. The x-axis represents the level of agreement.

Level of Agreement	All respondents (%)	Respondents who have been personally affected by the economic crisis (%)
Strongly agree	~65	~75
Somewhat agree	~25	~20
Somewhat disagree	~8	~5
Strongly disagree	~2	~0

100

图(H) 组网示意图

臨邑	博興
博興	博興
博興	博興
博興	博興

THESE
FOUR
ARE
THE
BEST
OF
THE
BEST

THEY WERE
DEVELOPING A
HANDYMAN SERVICE
THAT WOULD
BE CAPABLE OF
ALL THE SAME
FUNCTIONS E
AND, BUT MORE
IMPORTANT,

100

...THEY WANTED
IT TO HAVE
THE SAME
NEUROLOGICAL
RETURN. THE
PROJECT WOULD
ACT AND BRACE
AROUND PEOPLE
EXACTLY THE WAY
I WOULD. THEY
WOULDN'T EVEN
DOUBT THAT
IT WAS A REAL
THING.

THEY WERE
JUST A SMALL
STEP AWAY
FROM A LIVING
MUSEUM.
ALWAYS THEY
COULD BE
REACHED
AND SOUGHT

KAZENICHI HINETAHARA

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74127645610
14987019291
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...I DISCOVERED
IN A SHORT TIME
THE WAY IT
LOOKS THROUGH
MY EYES!



HYPOCRISY
MAYBE, JANA...

...SOLD ALL OF
MY DRAWING
DEBARS...



...the International Research and
Development.
The sum of \$1,500,000 (one million,
five hundred thousand dollars) to be pa-
yable via registered mail.

...deliverable goods will be awarded
...regarding the subject's will on
completion of the transaction
and, after the registered mail.

James Henderson,
April 7, 1995



NAME IS
FROM
AFRICAN
HERE -
JANA...

...in the sum of \$1,500
dollars) to be payable
deliverable goods will
regarding the subject
completion of the tran-
via registered mail.

YEAH.

IT'LL TAKE
SOME TIME,
THOUGH.

I CAN TRY
TO READ
THE DATA
ON THIS.

IF A COPY
OF ME...

...INSTALLED IN
AN ANDROID
COULD COME
TO OUTLINE ME, I
COULDN'T HELP
THINKING MY
OWN EXISTENCE
WOULD BECOME
MEANINGLESS.

BUT
I'M NOT
GOING TO
BE A PART
OF THIS
ANYMORE.

THE
MACHINE TOOK A
LONG TIME THAT
TIME IN WHAT
THEY CALL THE
"BLACK BOX."

AFTER HE
DECIDED
THAT
ENOUGH
AMOUNT OF
WORK.
THAT WAS HIS
WAY I COULD
EVEN REVEAL
HIMSELF.



THE
MACHINE
TOOK A
LONG
TIME
THAT
TIME
IN WHAT
THEY
CALL
THE
"BLACK
BOX."



I KNOW SHE
WAS ALSO
BORROWING
MONEY FROM ME.

ONE YEAR
ABOUT HER
JOB...

SHE ACTU-
ALLY WORKED
FOR THE
DEPARTMENT
OF THE
POLICE. I
KNOW BE-
CAUSE IT WAS
WRITTEN ON
HER HEALTH
INSURANCE
RECORD.



WELL
THEN...

...I MIGHT
JUST
HAVE TO
DO SOME
HOUSE-
KEEPING.



WHEN I SEE
EVERYTHING
GLIMMER AND
TRY...

TWO YEARS
LATER...



IT MAKES
ME FEEL AT
PEACE.



ONE DAY
WHEN THIS IS
ALL OVER...

...I'LL TELL YOU
EVERYTHING,
AND THAT'LL ACT
AS MY WILL.



...AND A DELICATE
BALANCE TO OUR
RELATIONSHIP.

SHE AND
I...

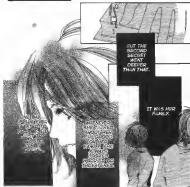
...AND A
DELICATE
BALANCE
TO OUR
RELATIONSHIP.

JURUP



ESSENTIALLY I
DECIDED IT WAS
JUST AN ISSUE
WITH AKA, JOE, AND
OUR RELATIONSHIP
SHOULD BE JUST
BAMBALE FROM
THAT.

I
WONDER
IF SHE
DOESN'T
THINK
SHE CAN
TRUST ME.



BUT THE
SECOND
SECRET
WENT
DEEPER
THAN THAT.

IT WAS AKA
FAMILY.

...AND A
DELICATE
BALANCE
TO OUR
RELATIONSHIP.

...AND A
DELICATE
BALANCE
TO OUR
RELATIONSHIP.





NOTHING
WILL BE SO BAD
WHEN I'M WITH
ROLL

TO HAVE
SOMEONE
TO COME
HOME TO IS
AMAZING.



I DON'T
THINK
THAT'S
LONG.

THE BUS
IN THAT
CAR WITH
HER WAS
SOMEONE
FROM HER
WORK.

BY HER
VOICE...

HAIR-
NICH.

...THERE'S
NO WAY
THAT SAE'S
GONE, SO...



I'VE BEEN
HAVING
TROUBLE
WITH ONE
OF MY
SUPERIORS
AT WORK...

...I ALMOST
FELT LIKE
I SHOULD
JUST QUIT,
BUT...



...WHEN I
SEE YOUR
FACE, I
REALLY JUST
DON'T CARE
ANYMORE.



I WANT TO
FEEL YOU
CLOSE TO
ME.



SOME
UNPLEASANT
THINGS
HAPPENED AT
WORK.

TODAY...



CAN YOU
COME
TO THE
HOUSE?

I WAS
SURE THAT
IT WOULD
ALL BE
OVER.



ABOUT
MIDOT?

NO...



KAZU-
RICH...

...PLEASE
COME IN.

THERE ARE
SOME THINGS
YOU AND I
HAVE TO TALK
ABOUT...
REMEMBER MIDOT.



WHERE IS
MIDOT?

YOU'RE
SURE THAT
WAS?
JUN...
N N N N N

I WAS
SURE
THAT...

...WE WOULD
ALIVE TO ADD
COVERING
OLD FURNELL
JUST WITH
LIFE.

I JUST
WANT...
...TO STAY
LIKE THIS
FOREVER.

IF WE STAY
THE ROOM AND
STAYED IN THE
APARTMENT ALL
DAY AND ALL
NIGHT, JUST IN
BED, MAKING
LOVE...

...I'M
SURE
THAT...

I DON'T WANT
TO FORCE YOU,
THOUGH.

I KNOW YOU
MAY NOT WANT
TO, BUT IF YOU
COULD JUST GO
FOR YOUR LITTLE
SISTER'S SAKE...

TWO
WEEKS AGO,
SHE WENT
INTO THE
HOSPITAL.

ACUTE
KIDNEY
FAILURE?

HER CONDITION
HAD BEEN GETTING
WORSE, BUT THE
HOSPITAL SAID
SHE HAD AN ACUTE
KIDNEY FAILURE
AND THAT DIALYSIS
WOULD BE NEEDED.

HER PET
BIRD, EDDIE,
WILL PROBABLY
DIE SOON.

MY BEST MAN
WOULD GO FORTH
THE MONEY FROM
VISTA COULD BE
GIVEN TO KYOBAH
WELLNESS.

IT'S THAT
IT WITH AN
ANYWAY IT'LL
HELP HER GET
BETTER.

IN OTHER
WORDS, SHE
PLEDGED MY
VERY EXISTENCE
TO AM AS
A FORM OF
PAYMENT.

WHEN
YOU STOPPED
GOING TO YOUR
APPOINTMENTS WITH
VISTA LABORATORIES,
KYOBAH GOT ANGRY
AND STOPPED
SUBSIDIZING MIOU'S
HEALTH CARE...
AT THAT RATE, OUR
FAMILY ASSETS WILL
RUN OUT!

THE
NATIONAL
HOSPITAL
WILL TAKE
CARE OF
THE DIALYSIS
CHARGES, BUT THE
OTHER FEES...

...I DON'T
KNOW IF I
CAN HANDLE
THAT, AND
I'VE BEEN
OFF WORK
LATELY.

...AND
BODIES THAT
WERE TOO
WEAK TO
LAST UNTIL
HE BECAME
ADULTERY

I WILL.

WHO ARE YOU
THAT ALL
OF US, MY
SISTER AND
I...

IT WAS
ARSENIC
POISONING.

AGNE-
NICK

WE'RE A BIT
SHOCKED,
BUT AFTER
BOARDING
THE MYD...

...WE'VE
DETERMINED
THE CAUSE
OF DEATH.

AFTER YOU
WENT BACK
TO THE
HOSPITAL,
I COULDN'T
REALLY
TALK TO YOU.

I DON'T CARE
IF IT DOES, BUT
PLEASE DON'T
TELL YOU
ABOUT IT.

WENT
THROUGH
BUT I'VE
ALREADY
CONSIDERED
BEING
A TINY
ASSASSIN
OF THE
MYD...
AND
FOR ALL

KATE-
NICK...

...BUT NOW
YOU'RE
YOUR ONLY
SISTER,
NICK...

...YOU HAD A
HALF-SISTER
NAMED NAKO
WEL-COME...

I GET
IT.

IF YOU
CARE FOR
ME AT ALL,
PLEASE
KEEP YOUR
MOUTH SHUT
ABOUT ME
WITH VITA.



BUT HER MOTHER
SAID SHE
COULDN'T AFFORD
IT, SO SHE TOOK
HER BACK HOME
WITH HER. TWO
DAYS LATER, SHE
CAME BACK WORSE
THAN BEFORE,
AND BARELY ABLE
TO STAND.

THEN
DURING HER LAST
BLOOD TESTS, HE
NOTICED AN UNUSUAL
INCREASE IN HER
CREATININE LEVELS,
SO HE ASKED HER
TO CHECK BACK INTO
THE HOSPITAL FOR
TREATMENT.

THAT KIND OF
CREATINITY IS
UNCOMMON
NOWADAYS, BUT
THAT'S WHAT
OUR FINDINGS
SAID.



THE KIDNEY
STOMACH WAS
IN TERRIBLE
CONDITION FROM
HAVING INGESTED
ARSENIC.

IT
MIGHT
BE...

TONG-
GUERD BY
SLEEPING
PILLS,
LIVING
DOSES
OF BONE
MEDICINE CAN
INDUCE
KIDNEY
BLOCK-
AGE.

PLEASE
BE SURE YOUR
MOTHER KNOWS
THAT IF THIS
CONTINUES, YOU
WOULDN'T BEHOLD
KIDNEY STONES
OR INSULIN
BLOOD CONTAM-
INATION.

WHEN SHE
DOES RE-
COVER, WE
FEAR HER
MOTHER WILL
IMMEDIATELY
TAKE HER
HOME, THUS
ABANDONING
HER
AZOTEMIA
AGAIN.

THAT
COULDN'T
BEEN LIFE-
THREATENING,
BUT
NOW SHE'S
WIDE AND
SLOWLY RE-
COVERING.



...WHAT'S
CAUSING IT
TO BE SUCH
A PROBLEM
MIGHT NOMP?

THIS
AZOTE-
MIA...

医科大病院

...SHE SAID THAT
SHE WAS HAVING
FADING SPELLS,
HEADACHES AND
MUSCLE SHAKING,
WHICH ARE SYMPTOMS
OF HER AZOTEMIC
CONDITION.

THE ONLY
PERSON WHO
COULD'VE
ADDED ARSENIC
TO THE WATER
WAS...

LAST
MONTH
...

...WHEN YOU
WENT HOME TO
LIVE WITH YOUR
MOTHER...

OUR
MOTHER.

NOT WHILE I'M ALIVE.

NO.

WELL...

YOUR BIG BROTHER'S HERE TO CHECK ON YOU.

GET BETTER SO YOU CAN CHECK OUT OF HERE FOR GOOD AND COME LIVE WITH ME.

NO MATTER WHAT...

...I HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO SAY GOODBYE TO MY BROTHER.

THEN WE CAN BOTH BE HAPPY.

NOT EVEN AFTER I'M GONE.

PLEASE...

...FROM NOW ON, NO MATTER HOW MUCH HER MOTHER INSISTS...

...DON'T LET MAMU GO HOME WITH HER!

I'LL WORK OUT HANDLING THE MEDICAL COSTS, IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES.

NOT DRINKING EXHAUSTS FLORA AFTER PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. LOSS OF BLOOD OR SERIOUS Burns CAN ALSO THREATEN THESE DOB-LAND.

ANYTHING THAT MIGHT CAUSE HER TO BECOME DEPENDENT IS DANGEROUS.

OS-KIRBY FAILURE COULD JUST BE THE RESULT OF MAMU'S CONDITION.

WHEN I ENTERED
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HIS
MOM & FATHER
BELIEVED THAT
MY FATHER
HAD SOME
MISPLANS.

MY FATHER
HAD AN
ILLUSION.
HE BELIEVED
A NIGHT CLUB
DANCED, A
TRAMP DANCED.

MY
MOTHER
POURED
ALL AND
OF ALL
FOR
MONEY.

YOU
SHOULD
BRING UP
WITH THAT
GUY!

AND
DON'T
WASTE
HIS
MONEY
ANY
MORE.

ONCE IN A
WHILE, WHEN
HE'D COME TO
OUR HOUSE,
MY MOTHER
WOULD SAY
SOMETHING
LITTLE CUTE
AND THEN
PROBABLY AT
THE END OF
THE PARTY, SHE'D

RELL...

EVER AS A
CHILD...

...I COULD
SEE THAT
HE DIDN'T
COME HOME
BY MOTHER
AT ALL.

WANT
DO YOU
THINK
FATHER
SAYING?

WHEN I WAS
DISCOVERED BY
MY FATHER,
HE WENT TO
LIVE WITH MY
GRANDFATHER
SO SHE COULD
ALWAYS TAKE
CARE OF US.
AND THEN THE
FOUR OF US
WENT
TOGETHER.

...GENTLE
AND MILD,
AND ALWAYS
SMILED
NICE.

WHEN I WAS
VERY
YOUNG,
MY MOTHER
WAS...

RELL...

KAZU-
MICHU...

KAZU-
MICHU!

YOU LOOKED
LIKE YOU WERE
IN PAIN, AND
YOU WERE
SLEEPING. "STOP
IT" IN YOUR
SLEEP.

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

DID...

I'M FINE.

SOME-
THING GO
WROTE
EARLIER
TODAY

WERE THAT
ALSO THE
HOURS
OF THAT
MORNING?

AND THAT
SUCH CASE
DOWN WITH
AND HONEY
DISCOVERED.

...MY
MOTHER
TURNED TO
DRUGS...

FROM
THAT
ON THAT
TUESDAY
ONLY IN-
CREASED
...

...AND THAT
WAS WHEN
OUR FAMILY
REALLY
BROKE.

FIVE YEARS
AFTER THAT
I AND THE
TRAGIC
ACCIDENT.



KAZEMICH...

A SAD LINE
OF WORK...

JULIA

AS
SOON
AS SHE
DID THE
LOON HAD A
SOAD (SAD)
BEAUTIFUL
THAN ANYONE
COULD HAVE
IMAGINED AS
IT BOARED
THROUGH THE
SPY.

THE LADY OF THE
HOUSE THOUGHT,
"THIS BIRD IS
COLORFUL, BUT IT
WOULDN'T SING,
SO SURELY IT'S JUST
A COMMON BIRD."
THE WOMAN GAVE
UP ON IT, OPENED
THE CASE, AND
RELEASED THE BIRD.

LONG AGO,
IN A HOUSE,
THERE LIVED
A LARK. IT
WAS KEPT IN A CAGE AND
IT WOULDN'T SING.



MY
SISTER'S PET
CANARY DIED
AND I GUESS
I'M AFRAID IT
MIGHT HAVE
LEFT HER
AND WERE HER
CONDITION
WORSE.

IT WAS
A LINE A
PRIVATE
SENTRY FOR THE
MINOR.

THE BIRD
WOULD DIE
BEFORE
ANYONE
DIED, IF THE
SAD LARK'S
ROSE.

DID YOU
KNOW...

BUT
FOR THE
CANARY, IT
WAS DEATH.

...LONG AGO,
COAL MINERS
USED TO TAKE
A CANARY WITH
THEM INTO THE
MINE SO THEY
COULD DETECT
WHEN GAS
LEVELS WERE
DANGEROUS.

ONE
DAY, WHO'D
SAY IT.

...JAY...

WE HAVE
TO HAVE THE
OPEN SKY.

WE CAN'T
BEND FROM
INSIDE A
CAGE.

EVEN WITHOUT
PUTTING IT INTO
WORDS...

...JAY
LOVED ME SO
DEEPLY.

NO
LET'S GO
WITH THE
SOME HOUSE
ARRANGING
NO HAD
RESPONSE.

KATSURUHI. IF YOU
HAD TO CHOOSE
BETWEEN THE
SAFETY OF A CAGE
AND THE GRASSHOPPER
OF THE WORLD...
WHICH WOULD YOU
CHOOSE?

A LARK
COULDN'T
BEND FOR
PEOPLE...
IT SINGS
FOR ITSELF.
CHILDREN
CAN UNDER-
STAND
THAT.

BUT A
CAT LYING
IN A FIELD
SPOTTED THE
LARK, CAUGHT
IT, AND TOOK
IT TO ITS
DEATH.

ONCE
I DECIDED, I
WANTED TO
BE FREE LIKE
A LARK, AND
I RAN AWAY
FROM HOME.

THE
SAME
AS THE
LARK.

EVEN
IF IT
KILLED
ME, I'D
WANT TO
BE FREE.

NO
WOULD
I.



WE'RE DEVELOPING
A WAY TO
CHARGE YOUR
ARTIFICIAL
HEART USING
YOUR OWN
POWER
SUPPLY... A
KIND OF
BATTERY.

IT'LL COST A
LOT, BUT CYBER-
PUNK FETCH CAN
DO IT, AND A LOT
OF GUYS THERE
WOULD SLEEP WITH
YOU FOR IT.

HEH,
COUNT
ME IN
TWO!



I
DON'T INTEND
TO GO BACK
TO HETA ANY-
MORE... NO I
DON'T WANT
THAT DONE ANY
FASTER.



IF I JUST
WATCHED
THE RES-
QUENCY ON
THIS...
I COULD
KILL YOU
EASILY, YOU
KNOW.

YOU'RE ALL
CHARGED UP.



SAY IT,
KAZEMOOL...

I LET YOU
GET ME OFF
AS PAYMENT...
LIKE IT WAS
ORDINARY
BUSINESS.

WEL,
KAZI-
MUCH...

YOU MUST
THINK I'M
A BAD BOY,
HUN?



TELL
ME I'M A
CORRUPT PILE
OF TRASH...

THAT'S THE
LOWEST,
MOST DESPICABLE
MARTIALS TRIBE
BL...LET ME HEAR
YOU SAY IT.



YOU'RE
WORTHLESS.

A
WORTH-
LESS COCK-
MORCH.

IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A DIVISIONAL PRO ARCHONMAGE, THE GUNS AT SANTA CRUZ SAID THEY'D RECOMMEND YOU FOR THE PRO TRIALS.

REAL-
LY?

THEN YOU CAN ENTER THE GOTOHARA ISLAND BATTLE.

IF YOU BEAT THE FIVE OTHER PEOPLE THERE, YOU CAN JOIN THE PRO RANGERS... WANT TO GIVE IT A TRY?

HEY,
KING-
JUNG.

IF THE CURRENT WERE TURNED TO S-H GMS...

YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT BOY WHO KILLED HIS PET CAT WHEN HE PUT IT IN THE ARCHONMS FOLDERS? IS IT ANY ONE FASTER? YOU'D DO THE SAME WAY.

ANYWAY, I HAD MY BILL...

...NO
KEEP YOUR
EYES UP,
TOO.

IF THE CURRENT WERE TURNED TO S-H GMS, IT WOULD CAUSE THE MOISTURE IN YOUR BODY TO HEAT UP FROM THE INSIDE, LIKE YOU WERE IN A ARCHONMS.

YOUR BODY MIGHT DRY UP LIKE FISH - JERRY CO. IT MIGHT EXPLODE LIKE AN EGG - EITHER WAY, YOU'D BE DEAD.

KILL
ME?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

IF YOU SAY ANYTHING TO WATARI ON JUNGHOV IN FLOODE, I'LL KILL YOU.

DON'T TELL A SOUL ABOUT THIS.

HE'D SHAP EVERY BONE IN MY BODY IF HE FOUND OUT!

THERE'S NO WAY I'D TELL THEM... I KNOW WATARI'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU SINCE HIGH SCHOOL.



BUT IF I BE-
COME A PRO
MAGISCARDER...
I'LL HAVE EVEN
LESS TIME TO
SPEAK WITH
JUN.

I GUESS
BACK IN THAT
FIRST YEAR, I HAD
MY HAND FULL
OF SPELLS ON A
SANDBOARD, TOO.

INTARU
FEELS A THAT WAY
BECAUSE HE'S
WANTED TO GO
PROFESSIONAL
SINCE LONGER
THAN I HAVE.

YOU
WOULDN'T GET
ANOTHER
CHANCE
LIKE THIS
AGAIN, YOU
KNOW!

AS MUCH
AS YOU
WANTED TO
GET PRO-
FESSIONAL
BARELY TWO
YEARS AGO,
YOU'RE NOT
EVER BEING
COMPLETELY

IF I DO,
I'LL HAVE
TO GIVE UP
SOMETHING
ELSE VERY
IMPORTANT
TO ME.

NATASHA
...
I WANT
TO GO
PRO.

YOUR
FIRST YEAR,
I HAD OVER
SANDBOARDS
TO HELP YOU
AND HAND UP
MY CHANCES
TO WIN. WHAT
ARE YOU GOING
TO ME?

I'VE BEEN
YOUR
CONCERN ALL
THIS TIME.
HOW DO
YOU THINK
I'LL FEEL IF

ALL RIGHT...
I'LL THINK
ABOUT IT
SOME MORE.

I THOUGHT
YOU ENJOYED
THAT YOU
KNOW!



I KNOW
YOU'VE ALWAYS
DREAMED OF
GOING PRO.

.....
YOU
SHOULD AT
LEAST GO
COMPLETE.



...BUT YOU
FOUND OUT
THAT TIME
WAS RUN-
NING SHORT,
AND YOU
COULDN'T
DO EVERY-
THING...

C'MON! IF YOU
HAD A LOT YOU
WANTED TO DO
IN YOUR LIFE...

...WOULDN'T YOU
WANT TO DEVOTE
YOUR TIME TO
THE ONE THING
THAT WAS MOST
IMPORTANT TO
YOU?





AT
LEAST YOU CAN
GET WRAPPED UP
IN SOMETHING YOU
REALLY ENJOY.
I LIKE THAT
ABOUT YOU.



BUT BEING
ALONE SO
MUCH IS
SOMETHING
THAT I DON'T
LIKE ABOUT
MYSELF.

WHEN
I GET ALL
WRAPPED UP
IN MY WORK,
I SOMETIMES
FEEL LONELY.



...THAT I COULDN'T
EVEN FEEL THE
WIND ON MY FACE
ANYMORE... THAT I
COULDN'T EVEN
GET A GLANCE.



I COULDN'T
FEEL THEM...

BUT I WASN'T SURE IF I'D SEE YOU HERE AT THE TOURNAMENT.

I'VE BEEN WORKING HERE AT TAKAHARA HOTEL RESTAURANT THE ENTIRE YEAR.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE OFFICIALLY A PRO NOW!

LET'S CELEBRATE WITH A LITTLE CHAMPAGNE!

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE A PRO NOW, KAZURICHI!

WASAKI HELD AN ALL-NIGHT BASIC PUSH-UP CONTEST.

BUT I WASN'T REALLY INTO THAT, SO I LEFT EARLY.

THAT REMINDS ME... A FEW GUYS FROM FLOCK'S STAYED AT THE NAGURA HOTEL LAST MONTH.

KAZURICHI...!

THAT'S IMPROVABLE.





...IS
IT OKAY
IF I...?

...STAY
THE NIGHT
HERE WITH
YOU?

JUST FOR
TONIGHT, LET
ME GIVE YOU
SOMETHING TO
REMEMBER.



I KNOW
YOU LIVE
WITH YOUR
GIRLFRIEND
NOW, BUT...



THIS IS
THE KIND
OF THING
WE'LL BOTH
FORGET ABOUT
TOMORROW.



BUT IT
TURNED OUT
THEY ALL
HAD REALLY
BAD TASTE!

HE
GOT MAD,
SAYING, "I
CAN'T BELIEVE
I SPENT ALL
THAT MONEY
FOR THESE!"

WATARU
GOT
HIGH BY
HIMSELF.

HER
NAME IS
KAZUKI.



SO,
KAZEMACHI...



I'D FIRST
MET HER
THREE YEARS
AGO AT THE
MAGNUM HOTEL.
SHE'D BEEN
WOLDED UP IN
A ROOM, AND
IT SEEMED AS
THOUGH SHE'D
BEEN RAPPED
BY SOMEONE
STAYING AT
THE HOTEL.

I KNEW HER
FATHER, THE
SNOWBOARD
SHOP OWNER,
AND HE
SAID HE
TOLD HER
SNOWBOARD
FOR A WHILE
AFTER THAT.





KAZEMICH...

I WIS...

...AND MYSELF.

AND
I WAS
SURE IF
I SAID
NO, KAZ
WOULD
GET DE-
PRESS-ED.

WHATEVER,
THIS WAS
JUST ONE
NIGHT
AND CLAY
WOULD
NEVER
KNOW
ABOUT IT.



KAZEMICH...



I
DIDN'T
WANT
THIS...

...I DIDN'T
WANT TO
LIE TO
JURY ANY
MORE. WAS
I BETRAYING
MY PLANS
BEFORE THE
END...?







THIS IS
KAZEMICHI
HIWAJIMA.

YES,
MITSU-
OKA
HERE.



I'M
AT THE
OZETO-
KURA
GLOPER.

I'VE
GOT...

—SOME
PRETTY
BAD
INJURIES.

I NEED
YOU TO
REPAIR
THIS
DAMAGE.

I KNOW I WAS
AVOIDING YOU,
BUT...I'LL LET
YOU INSTALL
THE CHIP AND
TAKE ALL THE
DATA FROM MY
BLACKBOX.

THE SKIN IS
POCKED AND
A GUY SAID HE
COULD SEE
NOTES IN HIS
HEAD. HE'S
CALLING THE
POLICE
RIGHT NOW.



HOW ABOUT
KOSHI HIWAJIMA
FORGING MY WILL
AND THE BLACK
BOX VISA AND
HIM TO USE
MY BODY FOR
RESEARCH?

IF THE
POLICE
CATCH ME,
I'LL TELL
THEM EVERY-
THING.

DON'T YOU
Worry. IT'S
A LITTLE
LATE TO
Pretend
YOU WANT
TO CO-
OPERATE
WITH US
NOW?



A A H...

OH
MY GOD,
SOMEBODY
CALL THE
POLICE!!



HURRY
!!

PAINT...

PAINT...



HELLO?

JUN...
IT'S ME

KAZU-
MICHI

YOU
HAVE TO
BLOW
HIS HEAD
OFF

I WAS
AN IM-
POSTER.

DON'T
DO FOR
THE
CHEST...
GET HIS
HEAD!

I WAS
DISGUSTING
AND
HORRIFYING,
BUT I
FOOLED
JUN INTO
THINKING
THAT I WAS
HUMAN.



UNDER-
HEATH BY
ARTIFICIAL
SUN. I
NEED
REALIZED...

HOW
IMPOSSIBLE
I REALLY
WAS

I'LL GIVE
YOU A
CALL JUST
BEFORE
I CHECK
OUT.

THANKS

WHEN YOU
GET OUT
I'LL COME
PICK YOU
UP IN THE
CAR SO
YOU WON'T
HAVE TO
WALK FAR

I'M GLAD
YOU DIDN'T
BREAK A
BONE OR
ANYTHING.

A SECOND
THANK
GOOD-
BYES.

EVERY-
THING...

...I'D
WANTED TO
GO... I'D
DONE IT
WOULDN'T I?

THE
TIME I'D
SPENT
LIVING
WITH
JULIA...

LEAVING
MY MARK
ON THE
WORLD...

THEY
WERE
FINE.

I DIDN'T
HEAR FROM
YOU LAST
NIGHT...
I WAS
WORRIED.

I
THINK
I DID
MY BEST
JUMP
EVER.

I CAME
IN FIRST
PLACE,
SO I'M
OFFICIALLY
A PRO NOW.

WHEN
YOU GET
BACK, WE'LL
HAVE TO
CELEBRATE.

AW-
SOME/
CON-
GRATU-
LATIONS.

I'M
SORRY.

I
CHECKED INTO
A HOSPITAL
HERE, SO I
WON'T BE HOME
RIGHT AWAY.

BUT WHILE
PRACTICING
TONIGHT, I
SPRAINED MY
LEG A BIT.

THANKS



THERE IS
DEFINITELY
BAMBLING.

GET THE
DOGS
OUT OF
HERE.



QUIET
YOUR DOGS.
EVERYONE
LEAVE THE
BUILDING.



THIS
WHOLE
BUILDING IS
LINED WITH
G-POLINE...

IF YOU
TRY TO
CAPTURE
ME, I'LL
SET OFF AN
EXPLOSION
WITH THIS
LIGHTER.
AND IF
YOU TRY
TO SHOOT
ME, I'LL DO
THE SAME
THING!





I THINK
TWO OR
THREE PEOPLE
WERE KILLED
WHILE I WAS
GETTING
AWAY.

WE
DIDN'T
EVEN
HAVE TO
RESTORE
YOU IN
THE FIRST
PLACE.

I HAVE NO
BUSINESS
RESCUING
YOU.



YOU
KNOW THAT
YOUR ARTIFICIAL
HEART DOESN'T
HAVE MUCH
TIME LEFT.



ALL OF
THE PARTS
WE'VE INSTALLED
ARE SHOWING
DETERIORATION. WE
CAN'T CONTINUE TO
REPAIR THEM BEFORE
WE RUN OUT OF
REPLACEMENT
PARTS.

NOT
ONLY YOUR
HEART, BUT YOUR
MAN-MADE
MUSCLE
SYSTEMS
WON'T
LAST MUCH
LONGER,
EITHER.

BUT IF WE
LET YOU GO
NATURALLY,
IT WILL BRING
A LOT OF
ATTENTION TO
US. WE CAN'T
BE SEPARATED
FROM YOU
NOW.

SO
CONSIDER
YOUR DEBT
PAID...



IT'S
TAKEN A
WHILE TO
REPAIR
YOU...

...USING
MATERIALS
AND LABOR
COSTING
CLOSE TO
ONE MILLION
DOLLARS.

I'M
SURE
YOU
KNOW...

...THAT
EVENTUALLY
YOU'D RUN
INTO SOME
TROUBLE THAT
ONLY WETA LAB
TECHNICIANS
COULD HELP
YOU WITH,
RIGHT?



...THERE'S
NO WAY I
CAN PAY
IT.

A BILL
LIKE
THAT...

SO, HOW DO
YOU PLAN TO
PAY FOR THIS?



ANOTHER
FORM?



OF
COURSE
NOT. I
KNOW THAT
FROM THE
START.

SO
WE'VE
DECIDED TO
TAKE
PAYMENT
FROM YOU
IN ANOTHER
FORM.



JURI...

YUKI?

THE OTHER DAY YOU
WAS SHOT IN A
CAR WITH
A MAN...
HE HAD
A WHITE
MARK. IT
PARKE
OUTSIDE
THE KASHI
STATION.

...DO
YOU
EVEN
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT?

HOW...

RECEIVED.

IT WAS
TOO LATE
FOR THEM
AND THERE
WAS NO
ONE ELSE
TO
CATCH
ME NOW.

THE PAPER
SAID A HOTEL
EMPLOYEE SAW ONE OF
THE BOMBERS
WITH HIS FACE ALL
SWOLLEN. THAT'S
WHY WE CALLED
THE POLICE.

WAS HE
POSSIBLY
IF YOU
WERE
INVOLVED
IN THE
MURDER.

IT WAS
POSSIBLE
FOR YOU
TO HAVE
TOLD ANYONE.

GUESS
I WAS
WRONG.

BUT
YOUR FACE
DIDN'T CUT
UP AT ALL.

I FLEW
BACK TO
TOKYO
THAT NIGHT.

WELL,
IT SEEMS
WASN'T
ME.

THE
ONLY
BOMBERS I
KNOW ABOUT
BE UP THERE
AND YOU AND
REALLY YOU
KNOW?

I JUST
THOUGHT I
COULD BE
THEY.

...THEN
I GUESS
EVERYTHING
YOU AND
I MADE
TOGETHER...

IF YOU'VE
ALREADY
DECIDED THAT
HE AND I WONT
HAVE SOME-
THING GOING...

THEY
THINK
WHATEVER
YOU WANT.

AN
OBVIOUS
LIE LIKE
"IT'S ONLY
WORK"
IS AN
INSULT.

JUST
WHAT
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO
SAY?!

BUT I
HAVEN'T LET
HIM TOUCH
ME ONCE
SINCE I
STARTED
WORKING
THERE.

IF
YOU FIND
THAT TOO
HARD TO
BELIEVE...

...IS
MEANING-
LESS TO
YOU?

THAT'S
NOT WHAT
IT LOOKED
LIKE TO
ME.

KAZE-
MICHIO?

I WANT
YOU TO
TELL ME
THE TRUTH
ABOUT
HIM!

I HAPPENED
TO SEE
YOU BOTH
TALKING, AND
I'VE BEEN
WONDERING
ABOUT IT
EVER SINCE.

TELL ME
WHAT A TOP
AHEAD OF ME
IN SCHOOL,
AND WE WORK
TOGETHER NOW.
NO MORE WILL
LIKE AN UPPER-
CLASSMAN
TO ME.

PLEASE
DON'T
MISUNDER-
STAND

WHEN THE
TWO OF
YOU WORK
TOGETHER,
SOME OF
THOSE OLD
FRIENDS
ALSO
COME UP.

YOU
GAVE
HIM A
LOOK
EVEN I
DON'T
EVER
SEE!

WE WENT
OUT A LONG
TIME AGO,
BUT WE BROKE
UP. SOMETHING
AT WORK, WE
GET OUT ON THE
SAME PROJECT,
SO WE HAVE TO
DO RESEARCH
TOGETHER, BUT
THAT'S ALL.



YOU
IDIOT...



IT LOOKED
LIKE...

...THAT
WAS IT
FOR US.

THIS IS
HATSUOKA.

I
WOULD
NOT BE
SURPRISED
IF YOUR
ARTIFICIAL
HEART
FAILS ANY
DAY NOW.
IN THE
NEXT TWO
WEEKS,
YOU
SHOULD
SMILE
ABOUT
YOUR
"SECOND
DEATH."

YOUR MOVE-
MENTS AND
EXPRESSIONS
MUST BE
LOOKING AND
HARDER TO
CONTROL
BY NOW.

DON'T...

...LEAVE
ME
AGAIN.

DON'T
MAKE ME
WATCH YOU
TURN AWAY
FROM ME
AGAIN.

YOU
REALLY
ARE JUST
BEING
STUPID.

JURU

...WHEN I
WENT TO
GET MY
STUFF OUT
OF THE
LOCKER, I
REALIZED
...

...IN
HERE
?!

WHAT IF
SOME-
BODY
SEES
US?

I DON'T
CARE. LET
THEM.

UHH...

I BETTER GO
NOW HEE.

HEY, I
BOUGHT
SOME
CINNAMON
ROLLS.

...WHILE
I STILL
HAVE THE
STRENGTH.

DON'T
THEY SELL
NOBODY
LET'S SHARE
THEM.

OKAY.

WHEN
YOU WERE
LITTLE,
WHenever
YOU HAD
A SCARY
NIGHTMARE,
YOU'D COME
CURS UP IN
MY BED...

DO YOU
REMEMBER
THAT?

YEAH.

DAMN.

NOT EVEN
SEX WITH
JULI.

NOW
THERE
WAS A
DEFINITE
LAP
BETWEEN
MY HAND
AND MY
BODY'S
RE-
SPONSES.

THE PRO
WAS
PRETTY
TOUGH
ON MY
BAGGIE
FOOD.

WHEN
I WAS
FOUR
I CALLED
MYSELF
A
BAGGIE
FOOD.

OLD

Big brother,
I'm lonely. Come
and visit me.

SHOWBOGGOING,
OR EVEN ALL
THE STUFF
I DID IN MY
EVERDAY LIFE...
I WOULDN'T BE
ABLE TO KEEP
IT UP FOR MUCH
LONGER.

I WOULD NEVER LET MIOU DRINK ANYTHING THAT WAS BAD FOR HER!

THAT'S A LIE!

...GOING ON ANOTHER VERY LONG TRIP.

I AM JUST, BUT WHAT ABOUT MIOU?

AFTER I'D GONE, WHO WOULD LOOK OUT FOR HER?

PLEASE, JUST STOP KAZEWICHU!

WHAT ON EARTH?

...I AM...

I WISH I COULD LIVE WITH YOU INSTEAD.

HOME AND HEN'S HEALTHY.

...WE'LL BE BLISS IF YOU GO TO Aunt CHIBA'S PLACE INSTEAD...

WHEN YOU GET BETTER AND LEAVE THE HOSPITAL...

I STILL WANT TO NOW!

I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK WITH NOW.

BECAUSE I...

WHY CAN'T I LIVE WITH YOU?



OH
WOE,
ALREADY
TIME TO
GO...

THAT'S
WHY,
TO APOLOGE
FOR WHAT
YOU DID TO
MOM, YOU'RE
GOING TO
HELP ME.

IF YOU
REFUSE, I'LL
HAVE YOU
AND HIMEJIMA
ARRESTED...
BY WHATEVER
MEANS
NECESSARY.

KAZE-
RICHU!
SEE YOU
LATER!



BECAUSE
YOU HAVE
A SERIOUS
MENTAL
PROBLEM.

AND BEING
CLOSE TO
KITCHEN
HIMEJIMA HAS
MADE YOU LOSE
ALL SENSE
OF HUMAN
DECENCY. YOU
WOULD DO
ABSOLUTELY
ANYTHING
FOR HIM.



WHY DO
YOU THINK
I...

...WOULD DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?!

MOM'S KIDNEY
FAILURE WAS
CAUSED BY
YOU POISONING
HER FOOD AND
WATER JUST
A LITTLE BIT
EVERY DAY.



I'LL
NOT
FORGIVE
YOUR
CRUELTY
AND KIDNEY
LEAF UP
BEHIND THE
TRUCK. YOU
TREASONER!
I'LL BE
SEEKING
REVENGE!



I HAVE
ENOUGH
TO BRING
CHARGES
UP AGAINST
YOU NOW, OR
I COULD JUST
KILL YOU FOR
ALL YOU'VE
DONE.

BUT
I CAN'T
GET MY LIFE
BACK, AND
I CAN'T JUST
THROW AWAY THE
HAPPY MEMORIES
I HAVE FROM
BEFORE HIMEJIMA
SHOWED UP IN
OUR LIVES.

I HOPE I'VE
BEEN ABLE
TO HELP YOU
FIND THE
STRENGTH IN
YOURSELF...
EVEN JUST
A LITTLE.

I WAS SURE
ONE DAY YOU'D
MEET SOMEONE
YOU REALLY
LOVED, START
A FAMILY, HAVE
CHILDREN...

JURI... YOU
WERE STILL
ONLY 20.

Juri, I'm now...

JURI...

SO YOU
CAN FIND
HAPPINESS
...

...I WANT
YOU TO
FORGET
ABOUT
ME.

YOU'D LIVE
ON AND
BECOME A
BEAUTIFUL,
STRONG
WOMAN.

I KNEW
THAT YOU'D
BE ABLE TO
RESTART
YOUR LIFE.



Send this email on the specified
day. Do not allow anyone to
whom it is not addressed see it.



NO...
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE.

PLEASE
DON'T
FORGET
ME...

...JURI.



NOTHING ELSE
MATTERED
BUT IT WAS
NOT THAT
WOMAN'S
ON A BOARD.
IT'S THE
CANE.

MY
BODY
WOULDN'T
LISTEN TO
ME ANY
MORE.

I WAS
ALWAYS
SERIOUS
ABOUT IT.

MY
BOARD
WAS
EVERY-
THING TO ME.



WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?



YOU WALK
LIKE YOU'RE
IN PAIN. YOU
NEVER SAY
YOU'RE
JUST NOT
YOURSELF.

DO YOU
THINK I'M
STUPID
ENOUGH TO
NOT NOTICE?
YOU'RE
SICK OR
SOMETHING
RIGHT?

WHY
WOULDN'T YOU
EVER JUST
TELL ME THE
TRUTH?



ON THE
SHORE OR
ON TOP OF A
MOUNTAIN WAS
THE ONLY PLACE WE
REALLY FELT LIKE
WE BELONGED.
AND NOW YOU
WOULDN'T EVEN GET
ON A BOARD?

YEAH

SO WE
TRIED
STEALING,
DRUGS,
MUGGED
A FEW
PEOPLE.

EVER
SINCE HIGH
SCHOOL, WE
THOUGHT
SOCIETY
COULDN'T
GIVE US
ENOUGH...

I KNOW I
LET YOU
DOWN.



YES, I
WOULD.



BEING A
REBEL...

SIMPLY
FROM
OVER THE
SHORE...

YOU
TALKED
ME
EVERYTHING
ABOUT IT,
BUT...

...IN THE END,
I COULDN'T
GET THE MESSAGE
WITH YOU.

MAFARU
...

LEAVING
SOMEONE...

WOULD I EVEN
BE CAPABLE OF
THOSE FEELINGS
IF I REMEMED...
HUMAN?



NO MAT-
TER WHAT
CONDITION
YOU'RE
IN, TELL
ME.
I CAN
HANDLE
IT.

IS IT
SMALL
AND? DO
YOU THINK
YOU'LL
DIE?



KAZEMCHI



YOU'D LET
YOURSELF JUST
CHATTER AND
LEAVE YOUR
BODY HERE
LIKE AN ICE
CREAM FOR
EVERYONE TO
WONDER ABOUT!

YOU'RE
ALWAYS
TRYING TO
HIDE LIKE
YOU CAN'T
TRUST
ANYONE!



YES.
I'M
SICK.

I
DON'T
PLAN
TO TELL
ANYONE
ABOUT
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO MY
BODY...YOU
NEED TO
KEEP IT A
SECRET.

IF YOU TELL
ANYONE IN
FLOCKING,
OR ACH...OR
EVEN SUIC,
I'LL NEVER
FORGIVE YOU.

MAZEMACHI

SEE
YOU
LATER!

JURI,
WAIT?

CAN WE
GO TO THE
CAFE...JUST
FOR A BIT?

YOU
STILL HAVE
A LITTLE
TIME,
RIGHT?

BUT I HAD TO
KEEP UP THIS
ACT...TO LEAVE
MIKU BEHIND.

I'M
SORRY
I HAVE
TO KEEP
DEFENDING
YOU EVEN
UNTIL THE
VERY END

...MY SOUL
WILL STILL
REMEMBER
YOU.

EVEN
AFTER I
LOSE THE
PART OF
ME THAT
HOLDS
OUR MEM-
ORIES...

ON HIS
TENSE TO THE
BEYOND TO THE
STONE'S
WALL.

NOT AT
ALL.

WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING
ABOUT?

THINK
OF THE
MONEY.

I'D STILL
NEVER SEEN
HER LAUGH...
TODAY WAS
NO DIFFERENT
THAN THE
FIRST YEAR
AND A HALF.
SHE HAD STILL
THE SAME

I THINK
SHE'S
HAPPY.

BUT...

...I'D
LEARNED
HOW TO
READ ALL
OF HER
FEELINGS
INSIDE HER
EYES.

SOMETIMES
YOU SOUND
LIKE A MAN
AND PRETEND
YOU KNOW
TRUTH

THE
STONE'S
VOICE?

IT'S
ALREADY
TIME TO
GO...

0000

WHAT
IS IT?

FOR
HER?

HERE.

I KNOW
IT'S NOT
EVEN
CHRISTMAS
EVE YET,
BUT...

NEXT YEAR
YOU'LL
PROBABLY BE
REALLY BUSY
WITH WORK,
SO I WANT
TO ASK
YOU TOSS
A LITTLE
SOME.

THANK
YOU, I'LL
KEEP IT
WITH ME
ALWAYS...
IN MY BAG.

I ACTUALLY
WANTED TO
GIVE YOU AN
AGATE BRIS.
BUT I DIDN'T
HAVE ENOUGH
MONEY.

IT'S LIKE
A CHARM,
TO KEEP
YOU SAFE.
I KNOW
YOU'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED
ONE.





WHAT'S
WRONG?

WHY THE
HEAVEL'S
FACE?

JURI.



JURI.

JURI...

I'M
SORRY, BUT
SOMETHING'S
COME UP.

I HAVE TO
LEAVE RIGHT
NOW.

OH...



HELLO?

EVERYTHING'S
READY.

...

OHAY, GOT IT.



I WAS SO
GLAD...



...THAT I
FINALLY GOT
TO SEE HER
LAUGH.



THAT'S
FUNNY.



SOUNDS
LIKE A LINE
FROM A CHEESY
ROMANCE
MOVIE!



IT'S
JUST
THAT...



...I'M
REALLY
TRULY GLAD
WE MET.



AND IF YOU STOP PAYMENT ON ANY OF AICHI'S MEDICAL BILLS BEFORE SHE'S RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL, HE'LL OPEN THE LETTER AND TAKE ALL THE EVIDENCE TO THE AUTHORITIES.

AFTER I'M GONE, YOU'LL LEARN MORE IN THE CASE OF THE HOSPITAL AND... JUST LIVE WITH HER AUNT. I'VE WRITTEN A LETTER THAT WENT TO HER DOCTOR.

DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING, JUST DO WHAT I SAY.

YOU WILL NEVER TELL ANYONE THAT I CHOOSE TO DIE.



THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY TO YOU.

THIS IS YOUR ONE CHANCE TO HELP ME IN EVERYTHING THAT YOU DID.



WITH I KNOW MY RIGHT HAND, THAT'S THE SIGNAL...

TURN THE W RING UP TO 2.5 SECONDS. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW LONG, BUT IT WILL BE OVER SOON ENOUGH.

YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, RIGHT?



ARE YOU SCARED THERE'S NO OTHER WAY?

ARE YOU SCARED...



...I'M SO SCARED, I COULD JUST ABOUT EXPLODE.

HOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE SAYING IT, BUT...

NO ONE IS MORE SCARED THAN I AM...

WHEN
I FINALLY
SAW US, I
WAS LAMEL...

...BUT THEN
THROUGH THIS
WORLD I WALKED
LIKE A BLOODY
PUNKLE
BLISSOM...
I CRYED AT
VERY MUCH.





JUNE...

THE TRUTH
IS I WAS
TERRIFIED...

I WAS SO
FANCY
THAT I
THOUGHT I
WAS GOING
TO SCREAM
OUT LOUD.



That's
why...

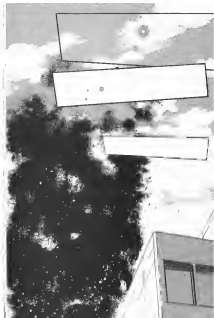
...I HELD ON
TO SO MANY
ARGUMENTS, IN
ORDER TO
KEEP SONGS.



...WHEN
YOU FINALLY
SHOWED ME
EVEN A LITTLE
SMILE... I
KNEW... I JUST
KNEW.



SO
WHEN
THAT
SMILE...



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